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There was a few days ago a series of poker games in progress in one of the private rooms of Some Steep Poker Playing. toris hotel in New the Waldorf-As-York that for the size of the stakes and daring play has caused a great deal of comment. The men who have engaged In the game are well-known financiera of that city and Chicago, reputed to be worth a great deal of money. The play lizs been exceptionally high, and the game has been played without a limit. It is said that one evening the vice president of a large manufacturing | will be published in a book, for which company lost \$100,000, but regained it the next evening and won \$85,000 more. The president of another big company is said to have lost \$250,000 in the course of the game. It is said that a game was arranged for while some of these men were going from Chicago to New York, and one of the party, a well-known Chicago plunger and daring operator, lost \$300,000. Probably these stories are exaggerated somewhat, but nevertheless old-time authorities on this sort of gambling say that the game that was in progress at the Waldorf-Astoria, for the amount of money that was wagered and changed hands, has seldom, if ever, been equaled in this country. It is possible that the refusal of mer-

chapts, manufacturers and professional men to employ The Boy and boys addicted to the Cigarette. the cigarette habit will do more to check the evil than all the laws ever passed or planned, obxerves the Chicago Tribune. When a boy knows that his future chance to earn a livelihood depends on his quitting the ill-smelling eigarette the knowledge will doubtless have more effect on him than a dozen parents' or nedagogues' lectures on the subject. The beauty of the thing is that no manner of deceit will avail, for the cigarette-smoking boy carries the literal sign manual of his vice on his fingers. A Chicago boy confessed the other day that out of ten places to which he had applied for work the head of not one had neglected to ask him if he smoked eigerettes. In a number of instances he was made to show his forefingers. Few people will be sorry even if the action of the employers results in cutting off some of the profits of the cigarette trust. The dividend paid in caused by the fact that a South Dabrain, body, and muscle will more than | kota newspaper published some compensate the community.

Doubting persons in the east sometimes are inclined to give little credence to the statement that there is an intimate relation in Kansas between wind and whiskers. Not that the existence of beards is doubted, but that the breezes are supposed to be tied up into eyelones and let out only once in awhile. But the report of the state agricultural college of Kansas shows that during February 7,140 miles of wind whistled through the whiskers of the men folk of Kansas. This means an average hourly velocity of over nine miles. This is in the aggregate 151 miles above the average for Februarys. Each day of the month Kansas got 255 miles of wind, most of which came from the north. She also got seven rains ith a full of nearly three inches and r, mean temperature was 25 degrees.

A Norway (Me.) cribbage player had a hand the other day which the law of chances says comes but once 5n 238,340,715,520 times. The player was Capt. J. W. Nash, and he is feeling pretty proud and wondering how and clubs, jack of spades and a seven. the latter card being discarded into the crib. The turn-up was the five of spades. His hand then counted 15, 16, four of a kind, and his nob, or 29, which is the largest number possible.

A southern exchange says that a druggist in Santiago, Chili, received to run away, resulting in the death of from a New Orleans house some one mule and the driver, causes toothache drops which were guaranneed by an advertisement on the label to cure aching teeth in ten minutes. A sufferer bought a bottle, tried the drops, and held his watch while he waited for relief. At the end in question goes to show that Gomer of ten minutes his tooth ached as badly as ever. He had the druggist arrested, and he had to pay a fine of \$1,000 and was sentenced to three months in jail.

People keep asking whether should be spelled Porto Rico or Puerio Rico, says a Washington letter. The Spaniards spelt it with a "u." and the board of geographical names. appointed by the United States government to decide disputes in spelling and pronunciation, adopted the Spanish style, but Senator Foraker's hill establishing a civil government on that island provides that the official spelling shall be Porto Rico.

A recent compilation of statistics shows that in 1899 American dealers bought more than a balf million dollars' worth of foreign cosmetics and perfumes. The late Kate Field said, a few years ago, that American women spend \$32,000,000 a year in those toilet Juxuries, "most of which," she said, Americans have been engaged for "are poisonous."

have often had it. Something to maybe, without Bo Breaded. knowing it. The sommon or garden name for it is swelled head." The impression has been, cheerfully remarks the Philadelphia North American, that it prevails chiefly among jackasses, but now the learned Society of Veterinarians of the University of Pennsylvania declares higher animals as well, and, after the manner of learned societies, has discovered this new and formideble label for it. The society has been studying. the causes and effects of the disease of late, and it was the chief topic of discussion at its annual meeting the other day. The result of this investigation a large popular sale is assured. From advanced sheets of this publication it. is learned that the swelling of the head is only the first symptom of osteo-porosia. After that the bones of the head begin to soften and crumble, and this softening and crumbling eventually extends to all the bones in the body. In advanced stages of the malady the victim becomes utterly worthless, although death is not necessurily a result. There are cases, however, where the disease often produces a fatal termination through violence, even before it has progressed beyond the first symptom. Overfeeding and lack of work are the primary causes, and it comes impartially to the high-stepper upon which my lady takes her morning canter, and to the high liver with whom she takes luncheon afterward. At the same time, while it knows few class distinctions among human victims, it visits only the aristocracy of horse fiesh and the pampered pets of wealthy families which only leave the stables-the pets, not the families -- when the air is gentie and balmy are the most frequent sufferers. There is only one cure. The victim must be energetically curried two or three times a day, led exclusively on hay and oats, and compelled to conduct at least three cotillons a

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The state of South Dakota seems determined to keep itself before the publicin a matrimonial A Matrimonial way. Now that it Tangle. has retired from business as a divorce center it comes forward with a matrimonial tangle involving a considerable number of Its own citizens. All the trouble is months ago a small item, stating that marriage licenses issued in any county in the state were good in all the other counties. A number of young people, who for one reason or another wished to keep their marriages secret for a time, took advantage of this interpretation of the law, and, after taking out a license in a county remote from their homes were married elsewhere. Now it appears that the newspaper was wrong. marriage Reense is only good in the county in which it is issued. Consequently, ministers and justices of the peace have been working overtime. recently in marrying for the second time people who were misled by the

A current item says that a pet. monkey belonging to a son of Rev. W. G. Herbert, pastor of the Caroline Street Methodist church, of Baltimore, got into the study of the clergyman the other evening, opened a volume of the Encyclopaedia Britannica, and tore out 16 pages of the arold he will be when he holds another | tiele on Darwin's "Origin of Species." such hand. It happened this way. He Then it turned to Butler's Analogy. received on the deal, which was by his and it was examining it with great partner, the fives of diamonds, hearts apparent desight when the clergyman returned and put a stop to the proceedings. What better could be expected of a monkey belonging to a minister's son?

unfortunate publication of a misinter-

pretation of the law.

The story that a painted advertisement of a liver remedy on the side of an Iowa barn caused a span of mules Gomer Davies, a local genius, to remark that nobody but a fool mule would stop to read an advertisement painted on a building or a fence, anyhow. The startling effect of the ad. doesn't know a good thing when he

The credit man of one of the large denartment stores in New York was asked what class of customers were most trustworthy. "Army and navy people can have all the credit they wish, and no questions asked," was the reply. "The standard of business morality in the army and navy is positive assurance that we will get our

A celebrated veterinary surgeon declares that nine out of ten of our wornout horses are only wormout in feet (or in legs) because of some foot disease, and that all but a fraction of that number owe their premature age and incapacity to our system of shoeing-not merely bad shoeing, but the fron or steel shoe.

The American exhibit at Paris. representing over 4,000 firms, will be a fair in itself. Not less than 15,000 permanent services on the grounds.

with the requests Petitions to them selves, but Congress. with the paper on which they are expressed. They have become so bulky, it is said, that it is impossible to examine them, and it is even a problem to provide storage room for them. The privilege of petitioning to those who make the laws is one of the fundamental rights of that it rages among horses and other a free people, and no one desires to restrict it. But in these days of easy letter writing the average congressman asks himself, when he sees a pile of letters and petitions: "Who has been starting all this up?" For usually some one makes it a business to have congress bombarded with petitions in order to bring influence to bear upon it. Word goes out to the labor unions, to the farmers' associations, to the commercial bodies, or to al impression that the chairman and religious societies to petition for this secretary of the cational committee thing or that, and thousands, sometimes hundreds of thousands, of responses follow. One man has been so active in bringing pressure upon congress on behalf of several matters in has been decided upon. which he is interested that he is said to have doubled the volume of mail been called the general business manreceived at the capitol. His system of ager of a convention, and the title is stimulating the public to present petitions is most claborate. When the case of Mr. Roberts, of Utah, was before congress, the petitions against his admission, piled in front of the speaker's desk, made a larger load than a horse could draw. Sometimes petitions are presented in picturesque absolute control over admissions and form. The collar makers of Troy doors, to say nothing of the ticklish during a tariff debate, once submitted privilege of appointing about 150 as-

tions presented to congress? A

a great book shaped like a coffin. which contained thousands of signatures. Some petitions have been pushed into the house in a wheelbarrow, to give dramatic effect to the outburst of popular opinion which they were supposed to represent. Nevertheless, says Youth's Companion, J a simple letter from a constituent to his representative, which bears evidence of having come spontaneously from the writer, sometimes exerts as much real influence as a million signatures obtained by organization, and affixed to a petition as a result of per-

The man who did a juggling act at the Park theater last week and concluded his performance by tossing a number of apples into the audience for people to throwint him while he made an attempt to catch them on a fork held between his teeth got all that was coming to him the other afternoon, says a New York exchange. The first apple tossed out fell into the waiting hands of a young man well known in this city for his athletic prowess. It took less than a second for him to send the apple flying toward the juggler, and the force in a well-developed right arm was behind it. The juggler saw it coming, but wasn't unick enough to get out of the way. The apple caught him plump between the eyes and was shattered into a thousand pieces before the actor knew what struck him.

sonal solicitation.

Preumatic transit of mails is attracting increased attention in all the large American cities, and is working well wherever it has been introduced. It would save nearly half an hour in the closing of mails in St. Louis, and its adoption here at an early date ought to be urged by the whole comnamity. One line is working in Boston and two others are proposed, to cost, respectively, \$35,000 and \$30,000 a year. A pneumatic tube service for parcels will be constructed in Boston by a company this spring, leading from the main retail district to the suburbs. Ten-inch tubing will be used for the parcel delivery.

New York has been the graveyard of many legal reputations. A writer in a current magazine says: "Men who dominate their towns and even their states; men who have cut great figures as governors and senators, come to New York and open a law office, and almost immediately they sink out of the public recollection. The fact is, New York is the one place in this country where politics and law will not mix. Politics is now as much of a profession as law, and each must let the other severely alone in that city."

A Japanese who believes that the twentieth century has already begun has sent the following letter on the subject to The Congregationalist: "Sir-It is to be, time is an allow, already had gone ninetecuth century, and come twenty century. I think so that you will welcome happy new a year. Excuse me for past of communications, and entreating acquaintance better than before year."

The American Mouse club is a recent addition to New York clubdom. The purpose of the organization is not to exterminate the little rodents, but to develop fine species. It is a man's club, of course.

We are told that the prime of life in a man of regular habits and sound sonstitution is from 30 to 35 years of age; of a woman from 24 or 25 to about 40 years of age.

A Boothbay (Me.) fisherman, Ab Ak. save he has the shortest name on record. There is said to be no abbreviation about it, either.

What It Means to Manage a Big badges of the employes will be onlie Political Gathering.

The Philadelphia and Konsus City Conventions-Dutles That Rave to De Performed by the Sergegut-st-Arms.

[Special Correspondence.] AKING arrangements for a big political convention is not child's play. It requires execntive ability of the highest order and the exercise of unlimited patience and gracious courtesy. For these and other reasons it is sometimes difficult for the national committees of the two great parties to find the right men to whom may be safely intrusted the management of their conventions. The generare in charge of the convention is erroneous. This duty devolves upon the sergeant-at-arms, an official who is chosen by the national committee as soon as the location of the convention

The sergeant-at-arms has sometimes not as exaggerated as it might seem. He is responsible for the proper arrangement of the convention hall, provides accommodations for delegates and distinguished visitors; secures reduced fares for the public from railroad and steamship companies, attends to the demands of the press, has urged by some prominent politician. Col. Martin is confident that the new

and independence bails. The distance of section markety of this will be suspended by a broad-righter with to a house section but plain and inexpensive. Admission to the convention half will be by ticket only, whether the person be delegate, guest or employe. This ruling necessificated the printing of an enormous peantity of tickets, a delicate duty to the delicate duty to the field. which Mr. Wiswell gave his personal: attention.

Col. John I. Martin, of St. Louis, will

be sergeant-at-arms of the national democratic convention, which is called to convene at Kansas City, Mo., July 4. The colonel is an experienced hand at managing big gatherings, having served as sergeant-at-arms for a number of state conventions and for the democratic convention of 1898. He began his labors before February and had made considerable progress toward geiting the big construction half in order for the nation's democracy when the fire of April 4 destroyed the building completely. For a day or two it looked as though the convention would have to be held elsewhere, but, with characteristic western enterprise. the people of Kansas City concluded to rebuild the hall in a bigger, better and handsomer fashion, and assured Col. Martin that it should be finished by July 3. It will, of course, be impossible to have the interior completed by that time, but everything will be in apple-pie order for convention purposes. of 1,000, and on the arena floor will be placed chairs for 5,000 delegates, alternates, state committees and prom-600 working newspaper men and artists. For the other thousands who will 1.000, the claims of each one of whom is around the arena in circus fashion.

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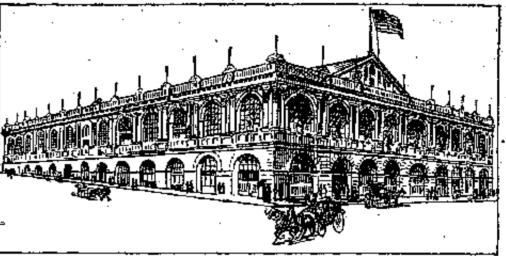
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The republican national convention sergeant-at-arms of the national committee, has devoted almost all of his time to the work assigned to him, for which he will receive no compensation, except expenses actually incurred in the performance of his duties,

As soon as the local committee decided that the convention was to be held in the Exposition building, Mr. Wiswell went to that city and consulted architects regarding the rearrangement of the auditorium of the structure for convention purposes. Committeercoms had to be added to the conveniences of the hall and the seating capacity enlarged to accommodate 20,000 delegates and visitors. Desks and seats in abundance had to be rented, telegraph instruments and telephones installed, and provision made for 600 newspaper correspondents and artists. In addition, Mr. Wiswell is responsible for all the funds collected for convention pur-



(Sergeant-at-Arms of the Republican Na tional Convention.)

poses, including \$100,000 subscribed by the city of Philadelphia.

A week or more before the convention assembles, the sergeant-at-arms has to be on hand to instruct denuties in their respective duties. Upon his aldes will fall the responsibility of relecting the lesser employes, but should any of them fail to perform their duties the blame will be laid at the chief's door. To handle the crowds at Phil adelphia will require two shifts of assistants, one for the day, the other for the night sessions, the total number forming a good-sized army. There will be 500 doorkeepers, 1,500 assistant sergeants-at-arms, 500 ushers, 250 pages, 200 messengers and 200 fanitors and housecleaners. The Philadelphia city. government will, in addition, furnish 500 police officers to assist in preserving order without and within the build-

The supplying of badges is another onerous task incumbent-upon the sergeant-at-arms. According to Mr. Wiswell the delegates' and alternates' badges of this year are things of beauty. They are medals, on one side at the powder magazine, of which there appear the profiles of Lincoln, Grant and McKinley, On the Perkins was collected. Tit Bits.

ing rooms are concerned. The headquarters of the democratic

will meet in Philadelphia June 19. Date! national committee will be in the magand place were selected by the national mificent house of the Kansas City club. committee last December, and ever a non-partisan organization, which since that time George N. Wiswell, of | has placed all of its property and ap-Milwaukee, Wis., who was appointed purtenances at the disposal of Chairman Jones and his colleagues. The various candidates for the vice presidential nominiation will have their headquarters at the leading hotels. Kansas City being a municipality of little more than 200,000 people, fears were entertained that it would be unable to take care of the thousands of visitors who usually follow national conventions, but assurance has been given to Col. Martin that he one need go without good food or comfortable shelter. The local committee, some weeks ago, divided the city into 12 districts, and each of these districts is divided into 20 parts; and for each of the subdivisions a precinct captain was appointed for the purpose of ascertaining how many visitors could be entertained by private families. The result of this canvass demonstrated beyond a doubt the city's capacity for housing and feeding more people than ever attended a national convention.

Inquiry among the "elect" of both parties discloses that the country at large will take a deeper interest in the Kansas City convention than in the republican gathering at Phila-

delphia. "The Philadelphia convention," said a member of the republican national committee to the writer, "will be in the nature of a ratification meeting, President McKinley's nomination is a foregone conclusion, and the platform has been constructed by the administration's acts during the past three years. Therefore the vice presidency is all that is left for the delegates to settle, and that will not be a difficult The democrats, on the other hand, will have two candidates for the presidential nomination. I'm of the opinion that Col. Bryan wal he nominated on the first ballot; still Admiral Dewey is an uncertain quantity. Should be be backed openly by Mc-Lean, his Ohio brother-in-law, and the Cleveland element from the Atlantiq coast states. a deadlock may result, especially if the time-honored democratic two-thirds rule is not repealed. Then, too, there promises to be some fun over the platform. Trusts will be made the keynote of the democratic platform, and their regulation or extinction demanded in flery language, But the republicans will also advocate control of capitalistic combinations; and consequently the great issues between the parties will be the currency and colonial questions. If there's going to be any fun at all in this year's conventions, it will be at Kansas City, over the money plank, I think, however, that unless Dewey displays strength, of which there is not now any evidence, both conventions will be social gatherings of

> . G. W. WEIPPIERT. Calm and Collectes.

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some magnitude, and nothing more."

Pat-Well, sor, I was calm, but poor

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